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## MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c).

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For: A METHOD OF PRODUCING A FIBER BOARD

## Enclosed are:

A	specification	consisting	OI	rirty	(50)	pages

⊠ Eight (8) sheet(s) of formal drawings

Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27

Applicant does not claim priority

Applicant claims the right of priority under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a) based on Application No(s). 2003-096846 filed in Japan on March 31, 2003.

Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.

Certified copy(ies) will follow.



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$\boxtimes$	Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow
	Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
$\boxtimes$	Preliminary Amendment
$\boxtimes$	Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
	Other:
	Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee

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- The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The original duly executed declaration together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.
- A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
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Respectfully submitted,

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